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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 12 – Council of Fresno County Governments  
(COFCG)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 12 to the COFCG 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 5, 2003. COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2003-08, on January 30, 2003. This amendment transfers \$140,000 of residual (Prior Year) RSTP and local match right-of-way funding to the FY 2002-03 construction phase of the City of Clovis' Villa Avenue reconstruction project (MPO ID # FRE020601).

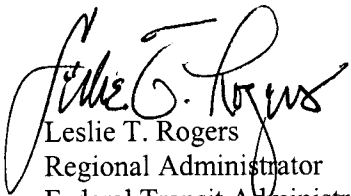
COFCG determined that this project is exempt from conformity requirements under Section 40 CFR 93.126, reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.


We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this FTIP amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that FTIP Amendment No. 11 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. This approval was made after consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

This letter constitutes approval and inclusion of COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 12 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Finally, in consideration of the number of FTIP amendments we have received from COFCG to date, the federal agencies would like to meet with COFCG and Caltrans staffs to discuss options that would decrease the number of COFCG amendments we are processing. For further information, Leigh Levine of the FHWA Division office can be reached at (916) 498-5034. Leigh will be contacting Caltrans and COFCG staffs to further discuss our meeting request.

Sincerely,

  
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